

## AMONG THE PLAYER FOLK.

## SPORTING NEWS AND NOTES.

Now the English Actors Are Talking About Reciprocity.

**Metropolitan Association Officials Make a Final Demand.**

**Stuart Robson Bothered About Puccini's Abandoned Dates.**

**M. A. C. Preparing for Their Bicycle Meet This Month.**

Americans, who always welcome English actors so cordially, have talked a great deal about reciprocity on the part of the English to American actors. It is interesting, therefore, to know that the English are now suffering in the same way themselves, and talking about reciprocity on the part of the French to English actors. But what an English authority says on the subject, a propos of Sarah Bernhardt's wonderful success in the English metropolis? "It would be agreeable to be able to reciprocity on the part of the French, who have hitherto received English or foreign artists with scant courtesy. Even the well-nigh incomparable Adah Isaacs Menken was coldly shunned in the French capital, on account reflecting upon Sarah Bernhardt's recent season. I am more firmly convinced than ever that being a gulf between us is the chief reason why she is also particularly lucky in having won the hearts of her auditors. Consider it that without attaining anything like the same results, she works a great deal harder when she appears before a parish audience. Unless we show a little more moderation, as well as discrimination, we shall merit no reprobation that has been lavished upon us in the French capital, or being no judges of dramatic art."

Puccini, the German actor, who was to have appeared this season for two weeks at the Star Theatre under the management of Stuart Robson, is not coming to America. The Star Theatre people are going to hold Mr. Robson responsible for the two weeks set aside for him, which he calmly notified them he would be unable to use.

It was positively settled yesterday that "A Trip to Chinatown" will after all, be the opening attraction of the Herkine Opera House, Aug. 25th. Manager Rosenberg, of that house, said yesterday that he left it entirely with the Madison Square Theatre people as to what company they would send. They can't afford to have anything inferior in Boston. "We shall probably do a bigger business than they will do at the State," said Mr. Rosenberg, "and if they can't show us their receipts, that statement can be easily substantiated."

Mrs. George Drew Barrymore's relatives moved out in this town to see her in "settled out of court" at the Fifth Avenue Theatre. There was old Mrs. Drew her mother; there were Mr. and Mrs. Drew, her husband and his mother, Mrs. Drew, and McKee, Rankin, who is known by connection by marriage. They all went to see the play drew. (Ha! ha! But weather joke!)

In the way, great work is being done on "settled out of court." It is being altered, altered and refigured. After the opening performance the management remained until late at night to make the alterations. Charles Frohman, always behind the scenes on an open performance, making copies notes, but, as he says, "the ladies and gentlemen, who are on a first night, are always too nervous to speak any comment whatsoever."

The open air "As You Like It" entertainments are being lessened on the part of actors to get into "society." And the queen arises: "Is the game worth the candle?"

Miss Minnie Gale, whom rumors agents' and publicists—had heralded from the stage and not seen at this season, is to go on engagement at the Star Theatre in January.

Tony Pastor and his company opened their season Monday night at Long Branch. The company includes Marguerite, Clive, Jessie Bonelli, Lizzie and White Daly, Burle Brantling, Ned and West, the Belvoir Brothers, and George E. Austin.

Sydney Rosenthal is busily working upon his play for John Drew, but least of all, he is likely to be doing it for himself. He however generally writes his plays at the time allotted to him for that purpose. It is quite likely that the play will be given in New York, but his adaptation will be done by Mr. Frohman's comedians before very long. The play for John Drew, it is to be, is not an adaptation which is in form of which the original Rosenthal is not very good.

Miss Lydia Gray, of whom we have heard very little since she inflicted "Gordian Knot" on the public, has joined the Murray and David Opera Company in Buffalo. Her husband, Fred Tipton, is also in that organization.

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"Home sweet home,

Do you know,

There's no place like home."

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ANNELLA'S MISTAKE.

### A Story of Unrequited Love Which Brought Much Misery.

"I am listening to you," said Annella, bending her blond little head and Mario felt that her slender hand trembled in his.

Who was Annella?

The beautiful widow of Count Gianni had found her one day, pale, desolate and exhausted, beside a dead woman in a squall, dark room. That dead woman was the aunt of the Countess, and the mother of Annella, and the poverty which surrounded her was the sole inheritance of the fair young girl.

Countess Gianni, rich, admired and courted by the fine flowers of aristocratic society, lived upon vanity and coquetry. But in spite of that she had a morsel of heart, and poor Annella's little white face had the power to draw two beautiful tears, more lucid than pearls, from her great, black, enchanting eyes. If the Baron, the Viscount or the Marquis could have seen those two pearls, surely they would have loved her even more than they did—so compassionate and tender did she seem amid the triumphs of her happy youth.

That same evening Annella repose in a soft bed, under a counterpane of pink silk, white at the balcony window, that she had left partly open, the moon filtering in and laid a tint of pallor upon the rose-red divans of the elegant little room.

Two years passed after that first tranquil sleep. Annella's beauty, which early pri-

ried a cross between a rare beetroot and a thunder cloud, Pierce was anxious to try his luck with George Dixon. The experience of his first venture, however, was of vast benefit to him. He was so anxious, however, now, to get a match up with the wonderful dusky feather-weight on Boston.

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**Jacob Schaefer has challenged Frank Ives to a series of games at four-rounds boxing-matches, and the amount can, not for three nights or any amount from \$600 up.**

Billy Dace is anxious to take a match on with any good man of any weight for a purse of \$100.

The Crescent Athletic Club, of Brooklyn, is preparing to get its football team in for Fall campaign. The team will be given a trial, and if successful, will be organized at September 1, and will be made up of a large number of the old-timers. The first championship game will be played with the Orange Athletic Club on October 10.

They's hardly any think of returning to the Knight's club, whose goal is to get them some decent aged men in the American Federation of Labor.

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